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Field work completed at Dunn Field disposal sites

MEMPHIS, TENN. — Environmental contractors have completed field work at the disposal sites on Dunn Field, achieving an important milestone in the environmental restoration of the former Memphis Depot property located in south Memphis.

Fieldwork began in March 2005 to remove buried waste and affected soil from five disposal sites on the western portion of Dunn Field. Materials excavated from the disposal sites included empty drums, construction debris, metal and glass.

At disposal site 3, workers unearthed one-quart glass bottles containing clear liquid. Laboratory tests identified the liquid as acidified water containing ortho-toluidine, a compound used to test water for the presence of chlorine.

Excavation, transportation and disposal of affected soil and debris from disposal site 3, and a small area extending from disposal site 10, was completed in early March 2006. Following the excavation of the disposal sites, the surrounding soils were sampled and tested to confirm that cleanup goals were reached. These health protective goals are outlined in the Dunn Field Record of Decision that was filed in April 2004.

"This marks an important accomplishment and another step toward reaching our goals in this cleanup program," said Michael Dobbs, Environmental Program Manager for the Defense Distribution Center. "We will continue to follow our plan for the restoration of the former Memphis Depot and Dunn Field so that these properties can be used safely and productively in the future."

The draft Remedial Action Completion Report has been submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation for review and approval. Upon final approval, the report will be available for public access in the Memphis Depot information repositories located at the Cherokee Branch Library and the Memphis Depot Business Park.

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